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PUBLIC LIBRARY



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

For an institution that supplies stories to everyone from tiny babies to people with three digits in their ages, we spend a lot of time keeping track of numbers. And numbers also tell a story. On our center pages in this newsletter, you'll find some interesting statistics that give you a little glimpse of the ways the library has been serving the community. The year isn't over yet, so it isn't a full year of numbers, but it does paint a picture.

We do like words a lot too, though, and we love hearing from our residents! Here are just a few of the comments we've gotten in the last few months.

"Donut Storytime! It's our favorite day of the month!"

"This library is such a gem in our community."

"I rearranged my schedule just so I could come to this program!"

"This is a great library. It's always a wonderful adventure."

"The library's so much bigger on the inside than the outside."

"I don't buy books anymore because I just go here."

"I love that we are able to get books from other libraries, not just from here."

"He's so great with the kids, they're really learning from him." (About Chess Club)

"My husband was so jealous of my summer reading shirt. I told him he had to sign up!"

"The kids' area is so cute."

"They have so many great video games here."

"I just love coming to the movies here. I made friends with the people who come every Monday like I do."

Do we get some less happy comments too? Of course! And we appreciate the suggestions. When we can fix the issue, we do. As a library in a small town, we will never have the hours and services of a neighboring community with four times our size and budget. But we are so glad that most of our comments are commenting on how the staff is wonderful, the programs are wonderful, and they are glad the Lincolnwood Library is here.

"I can't tell you how much this library means to me. When we first moved to Lincolnwood and my kids were tiny and I didn't know anyone, I would come to the library and feel safe and held."

"I was worried whether I would ever find a library that was as good as the one I used to go to. Now, I am so happy because I have! I am so grateful to have a library that is so helpful, hands-on, and good at helping me get what I want. Thank you!"

Susan Dove Lempke

SUSAN DOVE LEMPKE

Director of the Lincolnwood Public Library District

REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION

Please visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org, call (847) 677-5277, or stop by to register.

[R] REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registrants DO NOT need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[C] REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH LINCOLNWOOD CARD

Registrants DO need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[D] DROP-IN

Everyone is welcome to attend, but supplies and space may be limited.

[H] HYBRID

Registrants can choose to visit in person or attend live online via Zoom. New members should register with their email address to receive the Zoom information.

[Z] VIRTUAL ON ZOOM

These programs are offered using Zoom and will be live at their scheduled time. Please include your email address in your registration to receive instructions on how to join the Zoom event.

🍴 ALLERGEN ALERT

These programs include food or snacks. Certain items may contain or come into contact with wheat, eggs, nuts, and milk.

FAMILY EVENTS ARE FOR KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO ENJOY TOGETHER. ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE PROGRAM

MASTERPIECE STORYTIME

Ages 0-10

Wed, Dec 10, Jan 28 • 6:30-7:15pm •

[D]

All ages are welcome to this cozy, classic storytime. Snuggle up as we read aloud picture book masterpieces.

December books: *The Snowy Day, Over and Under the Snow, Whose Tracks in the Snow?* **January books:** *Snow, Snowflake Bentley, Owl Moon*

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Ages 5+

Thu, Dec 18, Jan 15 • 6-7pm • [R]

Create beautiful masterpieces together using step-by-step painting. Please register each family member that will be attending.

DONUT STORYTIME

Ages 0-10

Sat, Dec 20, Jan 17 • 10:30-11am • [R] 🍷

Begin your day with songs, stories, and donuts kindly provided by Schlegl's Bakery.



MAMMALS AND MORE!

All ages

Sun, Dec 28 • 2-3pm • [R]

Learn about some of the most unique creatures from around the world. There is something for everyone. Choose from a selection of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and insects. Say hello to a slow-moving sloth, feel the fur of a fox, or pet a pancake tortoise—it is up to you!



AN ARENDELLE ADVENTURE!

All ages

Sun, Jan 18 • 3-4pm • [R]

Meet and greet some special guests from the mythical kingdom of Arendelle. Stay to play games, sing some songs, and take a group photo with the Snow Queen and her friends!



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A LIBRARIAN?

Ages 8+

Mon, Jan 19 • 4-5pm • [R] 🍷

Match your wits against Youth & Teen Services librarians Dylan and Chad! See if you can correctly answer questions on the topics you love: music, graphic novels, television, movies, video games, and more. Prizes will be awarded. Snacks will be served.

WINTER READING BINGO

Mon, Dec 15-Sun, Jan 11

Complete reading challenges and activities, and earn prizes! Pick up your Winter Reading Bingo card from the Youth & Teen Services Desk starting December 15.



BABIES - PRESCHOOLERS

To keep storytimes allergen-free, food is not allowed. Please enjoy your snacks before or after the program in our cafe area only.

BOOK BABIES

Ages 0–18 months with caregiver

Mondays • 9:30–10am • [D]

Play and learn with your baby during this interactive lap-sit using rhymes, songs, board books, puppets, and more!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Tuesdays • 10–10:30am • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and play games at this all-ages storytime.

MUSICAL STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Wednesdays • 9:30–10:15am • [D]

Sing and dance along at this musical storytime led by Michael's Music Machine. Tickets are required for this program; see our website for details. No program on 12/24 and 12/31.

TALES AND TUNES FOR TODDLERS

Ages 18 months–3 years

Thursdays • 10–10:30am • [D]

This active storytime features stories, musical movement, and games for 18- to 36-month-olds with a caregiver. No program on 12/25 and 1/1.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Fridays • 10–10:30am • [D]

Join us for a fun, creative activity for young children and their caregivers each week. Younger children are welcome, but activities are aimed at ages 2–5 years. Activities include art, movement, and STEM—and on 1/16, yoga led by Keyla Ortiz, certified yoga instructor.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Thu, Dec 4, Jan 8 • 6:15–6:45pm • [D]

Wind down and get cozy with some bedtime stories. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SUNDAY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sun, Dec 14, Jan 11 • 3:30–4pm • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and more! Aimed at kids under 5, but older siblings are welcome to join the fun too.

SATURDAY STORIES AND PLAYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sat, Dec 27, Jan 24 • 10–10:45am • [D]

Kick off the weekend with a special Saturday storytime, followed by open playtime with the library's collection of toys.

GRADES K-5

READING TO THE DOGS

Grades K-5

Mon, Dec 1, Jan 5 • 6-7pm • [R]

Build reading skills by reading next to trained dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Participants will receive at least 15 minutes of personal reading time with a dog.

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

Grades 1-5

Wed, Dec 3 • 4:30-5:15pm • [R]

Experiment and grow your critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics.

LEGO CLUB

K-5 Grade

Sat, Dec 6, Jan 3 • 10-11am • [D]

Create your own LEGO or Duplo masterpiece with the library's collection of bricks.

YES, AND!

Grades 1-5

Mon, Dec 8, Jan 12 • 4-4:45pm • [R]

You be the storyteller! Come and play improv games in this fun acting program for kids.

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: ZOETROPE

Grades K-5

Wed, Dec 10 • 4:30-5:15pm • [R]

Discover the science behind early animation! Bring your drawings to life by creating your own zoetrope.

CHECKMATES! CHESS CLUB

Grades K-5

Thu, Dec 11, Jan 22 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Develop your chess game with experienced instructor Chris Christmas. All skill levels are welcome!

SALTED SNOWFLAKES

Sat, Dec 13 • 3:15-4pm • [R]

Grades K-5

Create a flurry of snowflakes using salt, paper, and watercolors.



KID CREATIVES: GEODES & SNOW GLOBES

Grades 3-5

Wed, Dec 17, Jan 7 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

December: Make your own geodes with aluminum, glue, and glitter. Dress for mess and enjoy some colorful, creative fun! January: Create a winter wonderland in a jar and take home your unique DIY snow globe.

CRAFTY CREATIONS

Grades K-5

Mon, Dec 22, Jan 19 • 2-2:45pm • [D]

We provide the supplies, you bring your imagination to this open-ended crafting program.

STEAM: DROP-IN MINIFIG MELT

Grades K-5

Tue, Dec 23 • 2-2:45pm • [D]

Our LEGO minifigures are trapped in ice! Help us rescue them with the use of science. Race against the clock—and each other—to be the first to set your minifig free.

GRADES K-5



SNOWMAN PINCH POTS

Grades K-5

Sat, Jan 10 • 3-4pm • [R]

Make pinch pots in the shape of snowmen using clay, paint, and pipe cleaners!

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: FLIPBOOK ANIMATION

Grades K-5

Wed, Jan 14 • 4:30-5:15pm • [R]

Make your doodles dance! Kids will create their own flipbook and watch drawings spring to life with every turn of the page.

LEGO PRINTMAKING

Grades K-5

Tue, Jan 20 • 4-4:45pm • [R]

Play with LEGO in a whole new way! Use LEGO bricks to make geometric patterns to stamp your own unique prints.

BLIZZARD JARS

Grades K-5

Thu, Jan 29 • 5:15-6:15pm • [R]

Make a snowstorm in a jar using cotton balls, paint, and glittery snowflakes!

Hit the road this winter break with instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, zoos, theaters, and other fun and local cultural venues.



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1. Log in with your library card number and PIN
2. Browse attractions throughout the state
3. Select an offer and reserve your pass



Visit <https://explore-more.quipugroup.net/?Lincolnwood> to learn more.

GRADES 6-8

MANGA & COMIC CREATORS

Grades 6-8

Tuesdays • 4-5pm • [D] Ends December 16, 2025

Love manga and comics? Join our club to create a comic book together! We'll brainstorm characters, write scripts, draw, ink, color, and even get it printed. Whether you're an artist, writer, or just curious, you'll learn new skills and meet fellow creators while bringing our story to life.

TWEEN ANTI-BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB

Grades 6-8

Mon, Dec 1, Jan 5 • 4-5pm • [D] 🍲

A low-key space to talk about whatever you're reading (or not reading), swap recommendations, share obsessions, and discover new stories without assigned readings or deadlines. Bring a favorite or hated book, graphic novel, manga, or just come hang out and enjoy snacks.

GRADES 6-12

INTERNATIONAL SNACK EXPLORATION

Grades 6-12

Wed, Dec 17, Jan 14 • 4:15-5pm • [R] 🍲

Taste and rank snacks from around the world, and learn about a new country each month while you munch on unique foods!



BUTTON BASH

Grades 6-12

Tue, Dec 9 • 7-8pm • [D]

Design it, punch it, wear it. Whether it's a doodle, a slogan, or your latest fandom obsession, you'll walk out with your very own custom pin-back button.

TEEN CREATIVES: LIP BALM HOLDERS AND CRUMPLED TISSUE PAPER PAINTINGS

Grades 6-12

Mon, Dec 15, Jan 19 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Join us for teen-focused arts and crafts each month.

Dec: Create hand-sewn lip balm holders.

Jan: Make paintings using crumpled tissue paper, acrylic paint, and oil pastels.

GRADES 9-12



TEEN ANTI-BOOK CLUB BOOK CLUB

Grades 9-12

Tue, Dec 2, Jan 13 • 6-7pm • [D] 🍲

A low-key space to talk about whatever you're reading (or not reading), swap recommendations, share obsessions, and discover new stories without assigned readings or deadlines. Bring a favorite or hated book, graphic novel, manga, or just come hang out and enjoy snacks.

ANIME CLUB: MOVIE EDITION

Grades 6-12

Sat, Dec 27 • 2-4pm • [R] 🍲

Watch anime, draw manga, and enjoy snacks at our Anime Club. This month: Halo Legends (PG-13).

CREATE YOUR OWN VISION BOARD

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 6 • 6:30-8pm • [R]

If you can see it, you can achieve it. Come and set your goals for the new year in a chill space with an easy craft that will help keep you focused on your vision for your best life in 2026.



COZY YOGA

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 27 • 7-7:45pm • [D]

Cozy yoga? Yes, cozy yoga. What's that? It's yoga in your favorite hoodie with warm tea. Expect to sweat less, as this session will focus on restorative poses to help you make it through another Chicago winter.

LINCOLNWOOD LIBRARY

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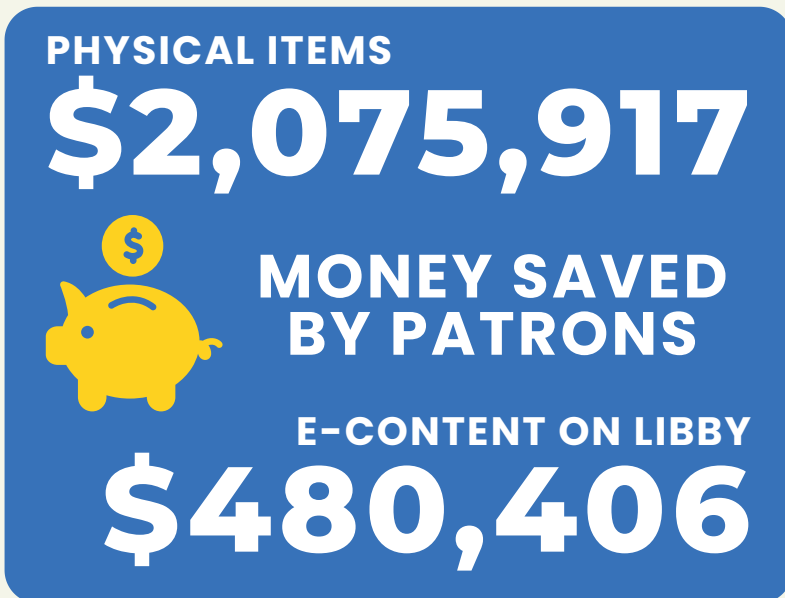
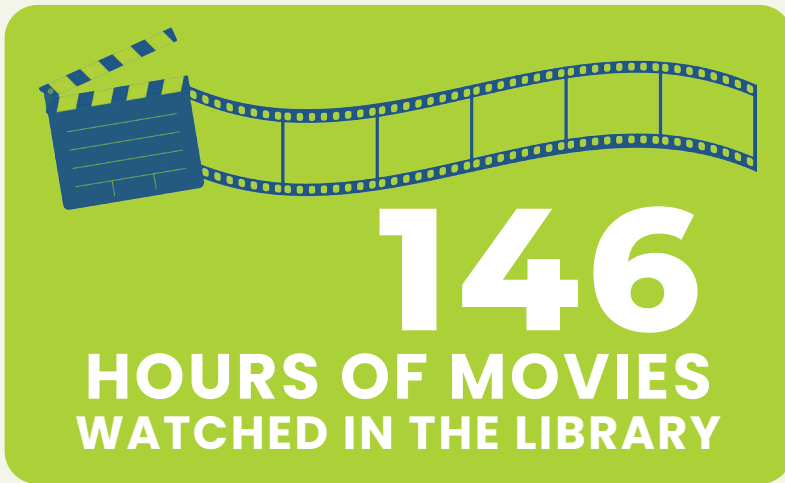


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*Statistics gathered from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

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ADULT

DISCOVER KWANZAA: MEANING, SYMBOLS, AND TRADITIONS

Tue, Dec 2 • 7-8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Celebrate the spirit of Kwanzaa with storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. Discover the holiday's origins, explore its seven guiding principles, and learn the meaning behind its symbols. Enjoy an inspiring program filled with music, poetry, and the beauty of Kiswahili.

STATE SERVICES: DROP-BY CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

Tue, Dec 9 • 4-6pm • [D]

Constituent advocates from the offices of State Representative Kevin Olickal (16th District) will be at the library to answer questions and provide help with state benefits and programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, Unemployment, LIHEAP, Rental Assistance, and more.



CHARCUTERIE MADE EASY

Wed, Dec 10 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R] 🍴

Have you been amazed by the stunning cheese and charcuterie boards all over Instagram? Learn how to create your own picture-perfect spread—just in time for holiday entertaining—with culinary instructor and cookbook author Emily Paster. Emily will demonstrate how to shop for and assemble a beautiful and balanced board, including selecting cheeses, pairing meats with fruits and nuts, and arranging everything for visual appeal. Participants will also have the opportunity to sample selections from the completed board.

BOOK COVER BINGO

Thu, Dec 11 • 3:30-4:30pm • [C]

Join us for a BINGO night filled with book recommendations! Fill your Book Cover BINGO card for a chance to win fun prizes, and remember to bring your library card so you can check out some of the great titles you'll be hearing about.

CHAIR YOGA WITH JOAN

Thu, Dec 11 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!



THE THREE B'S: A JAZZ TRIBUTE WITH THE JAMES CALLEN JAZZ TRIO

Sun, Dec 14 • 2-3pm • [R]

Enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz with The James Callen Trio as they perform timeless pop hits from Burt Bacharach, Billy Joel, and The Beatles.

LINE DANCING WITH DESUEÑO DANCE

Tue, Dec 16 • 6:30-7:30pm • [R]

Line dancing is returning to the library! Whether you joined us before or are stepping in for the first time, Desueño Dance will have you moving to the beat with easy-to-follow steps and lively music. Come enjoy this fun, social, and energetic way to dance the night away.

GENTLE MOVES FOR STRENGTH & STABILITY

Thu, Dec 18 & Thu, Jan 15 • 10-11am • [R]

This gentle movement class is designed to help adults improve mobility, balance, and body awareness. Participants will be guided through light exercises that focus on activating key muscle groups while relaxing others, helping to build better control and coordination for everyday movement. Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

CHAIR YOGA AT HOME WITH JOAN

Thu, Jan 8 • 6:30-7:30pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Join us online for a relaxing chair yoga session led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee. From the comfort of home, you'll practice simple seated poses that support wellness, balance, and peace of mind. Perfect for all levels—no special equipment needed.

RESCHEDULED

YOUR CAR: BUMPER TO BUMPER

Mon, Jan 12 • 6:30-8pm • [R]

Learn the basics of car ownership with retired automotive instructor Bill O'Connell. From buying a car to understanding warning lights, fuel, tires, emissions testing, and DIY repairs, this program will help you feel more confident and informed behind the wheel.



ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE DMV

Fri, Jan 9 • 10am–2pm • [R]

Have you been avoiding the long lines at the DMV? Wait no more! The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit will be at the library. Standard state service fees apply. A time slot will be assigned to you a week prior to the program.

Available services include:

- Driver's license or state ID card (renewal, replacement, correction)
- Vehicle license plate sticker sales
- Organ/tissue donor information and registration
- Motor voter registration with driver's license/ID renewal
- Real ID

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Sun, Jan 11 • 1:30–3:30pm • [D]

Have extra craft supplies you no longer need? Looking to try a new hobby or medium? Join us for our Craft Supply Swap! Drop off your gently used supplies at the Adult Services Desk between Monday, January 5, and Friday, January 9, to receive a ticket. Ticket holders get first access to shop the swap on Sunday, January 11, from 1:30–2:30pm. From 2:30–3:30pm, the event opens to everyone—no donation required. No liquids, please.

POSITIVE MINDSET: POSITIVE OUTCOME

Tue, Jan 13 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join Jan Hincapie for an inspiring look at *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck and discover how your mindset shapes your success, leadership, and happiness. Explore the difference between a fixed and growth mindset, embrace the "Power of Yet," and learn strategies to shift your perspective toward positivity and resilience. Through reflection and discussion, you'll uncover how a growth mindset can transform not only your own outlook but also the performance and well-being of those around you.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT: BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE WITH JONATHAN EIG

Tue, Jan 13 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*. It is the first major biography in decades of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr.—and the first to include recently declassified FBI files. Eig gives us an intimate view of King, who masterfully employed peaceful protest in the streets but was rarely at peace with himself. Eig dramatically re-creates the journey of a man who recast American race relations and became our only modern-day founding father—as well as the nation's most mourned martyr.

This program will not be shown in person at the library.



EAT FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Wed, Jan 14 • 7–8pm • [R]

Join wellness expert Debbie Friend for an engaging and informative session on how to build healthier eating habits for lifelong well-being. Discover how nutrition can help prevent conditions such as heart disease and diabetes while keeping you energized and feeling your best.

IT HAPPENED IN CHICAGO

Tue, Jan 20 • 6:30–7:45pm • [R]

Master storyteller William Pack will share little-known tales of Chicago's forgotten people, places, and neighborhoods, with stories that will surprise, entertain, and leave you seeing the city in a whole new light.

MUSICAL BINGO

Wed, Jan 21 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Get ready to tap your toes and test your tune knowledge! Join us for an energetic round of Musical Bingo, where songs replace numbers and every beat brings a chance to win. Enjoy great music, fun prizes, and a lively atmosphere perfect for friends, families, and music lovers alike.

EASY DOES IT YOGA AT HOME WITH JOAN

Thu, Jan 22 • 6:30–7:30pm • [Z] *Live on Zoom*

Join certified yoga instructor Joan McGee from the comfort of your home for a relaxing Zoom session focused on improving flexibility, concentration, and strength—while boosting your mood and reducing stress. All experience levels are welcome. Grab your yoga mat or towel, get comfy, and log in for a peaceful practice.

SOUND BATH MEDITATION

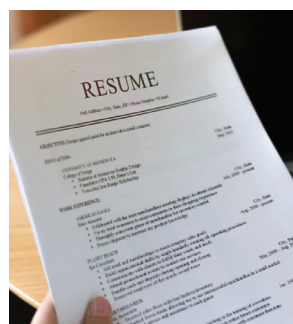
Sat, Jan 24 • 1–2pm • [C]

Reset and relax with a guided meditation sound bath with Sound Healing Practitioner Rhonda Fentry. Experience the soothing vibrations of crystal singing bowls, Tibetan bowls, and Tingsha Bells to calm the mind, deepen self-awareness, and promote peace, health, and balanced energy. Participants must bring their own yoga mat or beach towel. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – AN EVENING WITH PAUL LISNEK

Tue, Jan 27 • 7–8pm • [Z] *Live on Zoom*

The Lincolnwood Public Library is proud to partner with the League of Women Voters of the Palatine, Schaumburg, and Barrington Areas—as well as other Illinois libraries—for the kickoff of the 2026 Civic Awareness Series. Dedicated to fostering civic education and engagement, this virtual program features WGN-TV's Paul Lisnek, who will discuss Illinois politics and help prepare participants for the upcoming Midterm Elections in November.

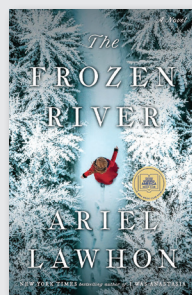


RESUME WORKSHOP

Wed, Jan 28 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Learn how to craft an eye-catching and informative resume that'll help land the job you want, as well as how to avoid common mistakes and overcome issues like work gaps or age discrimination.

MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION



FROZEN RIVER BY ARIEL LAWHON

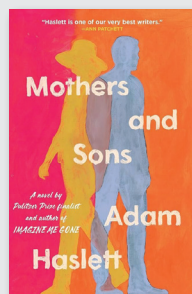
Mon, Jan 12 • 11am–12pm • [R][H]

Set in 1789 Maine and inspired by a true story, *Frozen River* follows midwife Martha Ballard as she investigates a shocking murder uncovered beneath the ice. Blending mystery, history, and resilience, the novel reveals a

woman's courage and pursuit of justice in a world that often silenced her.

There will be no Monday Morning Book Discussion in December.

BOOKS IN THE WOODS



MOTHERS AND SONS BY ADAM HASLETT

Mon, Jan 19 • 7–8pm • [R][H]

An estranged mother and son reunite and attempt to rebuild, despite years of misunderstanding and resentment. This novel explores the complex relationship between mothers and sons, and how they can change and evolve

with age and circumstance.

There will be no Books in the Woods discussion in December.

COMING IN FEBRUARY 2026

Lincolnwood Reads is taking flight once again! This year's selection is still a secret, but here's a hint: it's a story that celebrates the power of books and the people who love them. Stay tuned—the big reveal is coming in our next newsletter!

CREATE

KNITTING SOCIAL CIRCLE

Wednesdays • 11am–12:30pm • [D]

Share tips and show off your work with needle-art enthusiasts.

There will be no Knitting Social Circle on December 24 and December 31 due to the library being closed for the holidays.

EAT • CRAFT • WATCH

Thu, Dec 4 • 6:30–9pm • [D] 🍴

Calling all crafters! Gather together over snacks, movies, and dedicated time for creating what you love. We'll decide as a group what to watch while enjoying each other's company and working on our own projects. As long as you can get your supplies through the door, your craft is welcome.

There will be no Eat • Craft • Watch on January 1 due to the library being closed for New Year's Day.

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

Tue, Dec 9 • 6:30–8pm • [C]

From cranes to flowers to cute little boxes, origami is the Japanese art of paper folding that allows you to create anything your heart desires! Join Yamamoto Sensei from the Japanese Cultural Center for an introduction to the art form.



BEADED SNOWFLAKES

Wed, Dec 17 • 6:30–7:30pm • [C]

Celebrate the season with a little sparkle! Join us to create a dazzling beaded snowflake while learning simple techniques for working with beads and wire. This relaxing, hands-on craft is a fun way to unwind, get creative, and embrace the start of winter.

ADULT COLORING NIGHT

Tue, Dec 30 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Enjoy a peaceful evening of coloring and conversation designed just for adults. We'll provide the coloring pages, colored pencils, and a serene space—just bring yourself and relax as you color and chat with others!



PLEASE NOTE: We want everyone to have the chance to enjoy our programs so if you are more than 10 minutes late, your spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist.

CREATE YOUR OWN VISION BOARD

Tue, Jan 6 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Start the new year with intention by creating a vision board to visualize your goals, hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Vision boards help you focus on what you want to achieve and turn your aspirations into reality. Join us for a fun, creative session to design your own vision board. All supplies are provided!

PRINTMAKING: BUILDING ON THE BASICS

Thu, Jan 29 • 6–8pm • [C]

Discover new ways to create expressive prints in this hands-on workshop that expands upon the fundamentals of printmaking. Whether you joined us for Intro to Basic Printmaking or are new to the craft, this session will guide you through additional techniques and creative approaches to design and composition. Presented in partnership with the Evanston Art Center.

Don't miss our

USED BOOK SALE

Dec 6–12

FRIENDS
of the
LINCOLNWOOD
LIBRARY



GATHER

LINCOLNWOOD WRITES: WRITING CLUB

Wed, Dec 3 & Jan 7 • 7-9pm • [R][H]

Whether you're writing for fun or to be published someday, foster your creativity with like-minded authors in this monthly group. Bring in original work to be read aloud and get constructive feedback from your peers. Ages high school and up.

AFTERNOON SCRABBLE!

Thu, Dec 18 & Thu, Jan 22 • 1-3pm • [R]

Join us for a fun and friendly game of Scrabble at the library! Whether you're a seasoned wordsmith or a beginner, all experience levels are welcome. We'll provide the space and the game—just bring your love of words! Come with friends or meet new ones as you strategize, spell, and score big.

MAH JONGG

Tuesdays • 1-3pm • [D]

Meet other enthusiasts and play the Chinese tile-based game of Mah Jongg. Beginners welcome.

TECH

IS THAT AI?

Fri, Dec 5 • 2-3pm • [R]

As individuals and organizations begin using AI more and more frequently, learning to spot the common signs of AI usage becomes increasingly important. Learn what to look out for in print and visual media so you know where it's coming from.

COMPUTER BASICS

Fri, Dec 12 • 2-3pm • [R]

Start with the basics and practice navigating and typing on laptops.

IPHONE & IPAD CLUB

Fri, Dec 19 & Fri, Jan 23 • 1-2:30pm • [R]

Bring your iPhone and iPad to meet fellow Apple users and learn to do more with your device.

CANVA MAKER WORKSHOP: GREETING CARDS

Thu, Jan 15 • 6:30-8pm • [R]

Learn to use a Canva template to customize and make a greeting card. If you're not at all familiar with Canva, please arrive by 6:30 for a brief introduction and (free) account setup. Greeting card instructions and hands-on time for designing the cards will begin at 7—regular Canva users are welcome to arrive then.

UNBOX YOUR NEW TECH

Fri, Jan 16 • 1:30-3pm • [R]

Need help understanding how to use the new technology you were gifted over the holidays? Bring it to this program and we'll help you get started with it!

LOOKING TO THE PAST...



The Lincolnwood Library stands today as a beloved resource and community space enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. But it wasn't so long ago that the library was only a dream to Lincolnwood residents and local library advocates. From defeated referendums to building collapses, the journey to the library we know today was not an easy one.

To learn more about the nearly two decades of work that led to the creation of Lincolnwood Public Library and the 45 years since the Library's creation, check out our upcoming Historical Collection display on The History of Lincolnwood Public Library.

MONDAY MATINEES

DECEMBER



ROCKETMAN (2019)

Mon, Dec 1 • 1-3pm • R, 121 mins • [D]

The story of Elton John's life, from his years as a prodigy at the Royal Academy of Music through his influential and enduring musical partnership with Bernie Taupin.



MATERIALISTS (2025)

Mon, Dec 8 • 1-3pm • R, 115 mins • [D]

A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker finds herself torn between the perfect match and her imperfect ex.



SHE RIDES SHOTGUN (2025)

Mon, Dec 15 • 1-3pm • R, 120 mins • [D]

A girl marked for death must fight and steal to stay alive, learning from the most frightening man she knows—her father. An adaptation of Jordan Harper's award-winning novel.



THE NAKED GUN (2025)

Mon, Dec 22 • 1-2:30pm

PG-13, 85 mins • [D]

Lieutenant Frank Drebin Jr. becomes a police officer like his legendary father and must save the police department from shutting down by solving a case.



THE ROSES (2025)

Mon, Dec 29 • 1-3pm • PG, 105 mins • [D]

A tinderbox of competition and resentments underneath the facade of a picture-perfect couple is ignited when the husband's professional dreams come crashing down.

JANUARY

LITTLE WOMEN (2019)

Mon, Jan 5 • 1-3:30pm • PG, 135 mins • [D]

Four sisters learn about love, life, and loss as they grow through their young womanhood against the backdrop of post-Civil War America. At the heart of the family is the headstrong Jo, who aspires, above all else, to forge her own path. Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott.



THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS (2025)

Mon, Jan 12 • 1-3pm • PG-13, 115 mins • [D]

Forced to balance their roles as heroes with the strength of their family bond, the Fantastic Four must defend Earth from a ravenous space god called Galactus and his enigmatic herald, Silver Surfer.



ROCKY (1976)

Mon, Jan 19 • 1-3pm • PG, 119 mins • [D]

A club fighter from Philadelphia who moonlights as a collector for a local mobster gets a shot at the big time when the heavyweight champion of the world gives him a chance to fight for the belt on America's bicentennial.



GET ON UP (2014)

Mon, Jan 26 • 1-3:30pm

PG-13, 138 mins • [D]

The remarkable life story of James Brown, from his destitute childhood to his emergence as the Godfather of Soul, is documented in this sprawling biopic.





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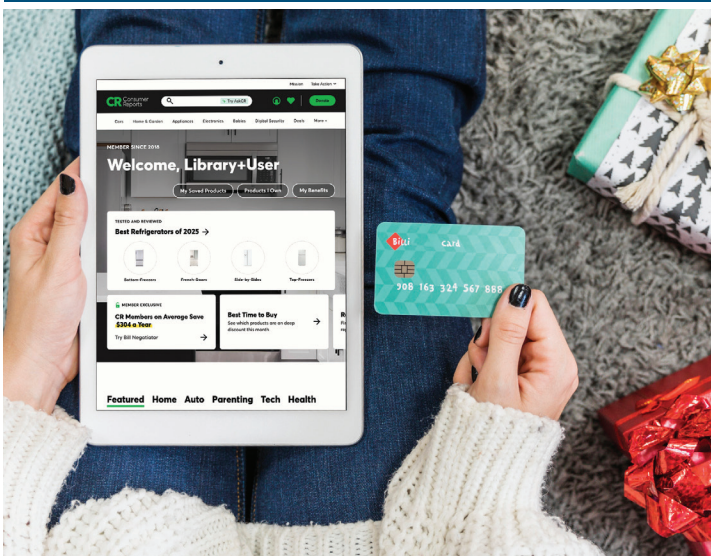
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